# THE POCAHONTAS TIMES the old time purling by

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The Coal & Iron. What a vision of wealth and prosperity that name once conjured. How the votes rolled out of Fur Fork and swept the county into the Republican column.

Towns sprang up and the drummer walked the railroad from one town to the other with his grip when the trains did not run to suit. Even as they do on Loup Creek where the coal miners congregate. The towns of Olive, Braucher, Burner, May, Gertrude, Wildell, and Oxley occupied the sixteen miles of river and railroad which lies between Durbin and the divide, where the Greenbrier river heads, and Randolph county begins. That is the part of the Cold & Barren which lies in Pocahontas county. That rich territory wrested

the divide, where the Greenbrier river heads, and Randolph county begins. That is the part of the Cold & Barren which lies in Pocahontas county. That rich territory wrested from Randolph county by arbitration in the eighties. We have a sovereignity over that neck of woods, but no treaty rights for the rich and arrogant county of Randolph enraged at the outcome of her contest with the pastoral people of Pocahontas, refused to record the findings of the court.

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The clear mountain streams flow between beautiful green banks and look like the sweet waters they are. To a stranger there would be nothing unusual in the country for barren hills are the rule and not the exception in most mountain regions, but

the old timer knits his brows at the topurling brooks, and thinks of the big trees.

It probably took a hundred thousand years to build up those forests. The slow process of erosion and natural selection, decay, and enrichment went on. Then came a period of ten years in which men took off the luxuriant tree growth, and perhaps in another hundred thousand years another crop will be ready. An evergreen cutting does not repair itself like that of the deciduous hardwood forests. When a spruce country is cut over nothing but intensive tree planting will restore it.

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& Barren aspect of the Coal & Iron country. Where those great lumber operations were a few years ago there is now the wornout look that may be seen in the abandoned lumber lands of Pennsylvania. We used to think that the old tobacco lands of Tuckahoe were about the most desolate, but the Fur Fork can now be compared to them. That country always looked stern and wild. It now looks stern and wild and naked.

It should be noted that Durbin has improved about a thousand percent, like a surviver prospering on the departure of competitors. Durbin is vastly citified and Marlinton must wake up if she is to keep the first place in the county.

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